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MEMBER FOR KIAMA

## STATEMENT OF SUPPORT

I am very pleased to support COVID-19 Illawarra Youth Survey Conducted by the Illawarra Centre for Enablement (ICfE) Youth Council.

This report delves into the experiences and views of youth in our region during the pandemic. The report brought to light the impact on the personal and professional life, well-being, mental health, and experiences of youth.

The work done by Alvin Chung, Amar Sultan, Ben Johns, Ben Healey, Ishan Datar and Tristan James is commendable. This report, organised by youth for youth allows an invaluable window into the lives and experiences of youth in our region.

The 50 page report delves into the unique views and experiences of 134 youth participants in our region with regard to the COVID-19 pandemic.

I was pleased to read the ICfE's Youth Council Youth Survey Report. The recommendations are comprehensive given youth mental health in our region. I recommend taking time to thoroughly read the report.

I look forward to forwarding the recommendations to responsible Ministers for their action.

Yours sincerely,

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